PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

ALBA THOMPSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, 11 LINCOLN STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 7:00 PM

7:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman
John Mahoney
Shelagh Joyce
Betty Cavacco

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Marlene McCollem, Assistant Town Manager

Before the meeting began Chairman Tavares wanted to welcome the students that traveled to Shichigahama and said this was the last Selectmen's Meeting to be held in the old Town Hall at 11 Lincoln Street. He also welcomed the Plymouth School Committee.

7:04PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7:05PM – TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, deferred her report due time constraints but did want get the Board to vote on designating Anne Dunn and Lynne Barrett as the liaisons in the contract negotiations as we would not be comfortable recommending that the Selectmen execute PILOT Agreement without their input.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to make Anne Dunn, Assessor, and Lynne Barrett, Finance Director, designees in order to negotiate a Solar PILOT Agreement for the School Department. *Voted 5/0*

7:07PM – SHICHIGAHAMA

Nancy Cavicchi, Erin Walsh and Rebecca Seavey came up and thanked the Board for inviting them in. The kids then introduced themselves and received lanyards from the Town. They then showed a video that the kids made highlighting their experiences while in Japan.

After the video Chairman Tavares commented saying that this group of kids were the best, as well as the chaperones.

Selectman Joyce then gave her presentation saying that these kids were fantastic and they were a tribute to their teachers and their parents.

Dr. James Sorensen, Chairman of the Plymouth School Committee, came up and talked about how important these trips are. He said these types of trips change lives. These kids are able to see a culture that they can't learn about in the classroom. Dr. Sorensen said he hopes this tradition goes on for years to come.

Selectman Joyce said that even though Plymouth and Shichigahama are two totally different communities it was nice to see the commonalities between the two cultures.

Chairman Tavares echoed Dr. Sorensen's comments regarding this trip changing lives. He said this experience definitely changed him and added that it was the best experience that he's had since his time in office. He thanked the chaperones and kids saying that he was proud of them.

Lastly, Kim Hunt, Vice Chairman of the Plymouth School Committee, came up to present a gift package from Japan to the Town of Plymouth which was Bottle Armor and DVDs that they put together of their time in Shichigahama.

7:37PM – SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Joint Meeting)

Chairman Tavares said we were holding this Joint Meeting based on the requirements of the Town Charter but added that they would like to do this more often. He began by taking about the Obery Street Project and what had been happening over the past 12 years of planning. Chairman Tavares let the School Committee know that if we don't take action on this project then there will be $6,000,000 left on the table as well as the $500,000 already invested into the planning of this venture.

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, said that Margie Burgess sat on the Board that worked on the Obery Street Plan, to which Margie said not at the time that this current plan was drawn up adding that the Court House wasn't there at that time. Ms. Burgess also said that the Committee has some safety concerns that we feel need to be addressed such as kids leaving school and ambulances entering the hospital.

Anthony Provenzano Jr said that this plan has been percolating for the past 12 years and that there was a master plan group. He said Margie was part of that original group, as well as on the Planning Board. Selectman Provenzano then said that he sat on the Roads Advisory Panel and the Board of Selectmen and sat through 4 public hearings. He said that the School Committee was given notice of these public hearings and they are the forum where your safety concerns should have been brought up and discussed. He said it quite frankly amazed him that the School Committee didn't know about the meetings or decided not to attend. This is not acceptable. I would be embarrassed to say "I didn't know" on the floor of the Town Meeting. There is $6,000,000 at stake and I am livid, all I ask is that you get your homework done ahead of time.

James Sorensen said there are two ways we can discuss this, one will be successful and one won't. Some things have transpired since those hearings. He then told a story about how he saw parents driving fast so their kids wouldn't make the late bell. A rotary at those speeds would be dangerous. Dr. Sorensen said he wouldn't have thought of this concern at the time of the hearings.

Dennis Begley said that roundabouts raise questions about pedestrians crossing. We would need additional crossing guards as well. Europe is trending away from roundabouts, and they stay away from hospitals and schools.

Selectman Joyce asked Dennis Begley if they passed on their concerns to Jonathan Beder, the Director of DPW, to which Mr. Begley sad yes and that we have tried to set up meetings.

Melissa Arrighi said that she made it clear it is very difficult to put together meetings before Town Meeting. She said these questions you have would require a representative from MassDOT to attend and they would night go to an evening School Committee Meeting. Ms. Arrighi said that she offered more than once to meet with any of you individually or together.

Selectman Joyce said she works on IT issues all day and that she wasn't a traffic engineer. She said if you have questions then you contact experts like Jonathan Beder and Sid Kashi. Selectman Joyce also said that Mr. Begley's comments about roundabouts were passé.

Selectman Mahoney began by saying we need to meet more than once a year, maybe quarterly. He then said he is not a traffic expert but this process has been going on for over a decade and you should have addressed these issues a long time ago. This project is being picked up by the Commonwealth, and if they don't then those funds will go away. Selectman Mahoney told the School Committee they need to figure out your concerns and address them quickly. He finished by saying he was shocked by certain statements made on the Town Meeting floor by the Committee.

Chairman Tavares said we are headed in the right direction by meeting tonight, but we need to have Jonathan Beder and Sid Kashi contact MassDOT and set up a meeting with the School Committee so they can address their issues.

Melissa Arrighi wanted to stress that any meeting with staff and/or MassDOT it will need to be during the day and not in the evening.

James Sorensen said that first of all he doesn't think they have to meet with MassDOT. If we presented them with our concerns and they wrote back that would be fine. The School Committee wants to vote in favor of this project but not at the risk of kid's safety.

Selectman Cavacco said that communication is suffering here. If the School Committee has concerns they need to be addressed. She agreed, we don't need a big meeting with MassDOT. Kid's safety is number one, so I'd like to see a list of your concerns as well.

Selectman Provenzano said that the Committee pointed out that they had to take a vote to transfer land for this project, there is no need for this to take place on Town Meeting floor. He said that the Committee had the ability to ask these questions but never did and now we've been put in a very difficult situation. The kid's safety is our concern as well.

Selectman Joyce said she was confused about why there is a lack of trust. This is what MassDOT does on a daily basis. She then asked why they would question that.

Gary Maestas, Superintendent of Schools, came up and said it's not a matter of trust. When the School Committee walked through the plans there were questions raised, like the two roundabouts so close together. He said there are roughly 60 students that park across the street on the County property. We just don't want to ask questions after the fact. He finished by apologizing for how this got to where it is, but assured the Board that there are strong motivations to try to repair this.

Selectman Joyce said that this points out the fact that communication is very important so no one is blind-sided on Town Meeting floor and that we all work for the same end result.

Melissa Arrighi said that she needs to know their questions and concerns so she can present them to Jonathan Beder and Sid Kashi, to which Gary Maestas said he will provide them next week in a memo to the Town Manager.

Alan Costello, Town Meeting Member, came up and said regardless of what the School Committee did, Town Meeting voted against this Article. Town Meeting turned it down and not because the School Committee decided not to vote on it. He said we should put the $6,000,000 to better use.

Chairman Tavares said that another thing we would like to discuss with the School Committee is whether you would like to occupy this old Town Hall at 11 Lincoln Street. He said we're moving this week so we need to talk about this. Chairman Tavares added that the School Departments current quarters are cramped and one concern we have is that we don't want to see a department come to us requesting a new building.

Selectman Mahoney said that the New Town Hall Project began in the spring of 2014 and it was understood that the School Department would occupy 11 Lincoln Street on the first, second, and third floors and the basement would be used for archives. The building that the School Department is currently in is across from the Plymouth Airport and is commercially zoned which would be worth selling. The opportunities are endless and it would get you into the downtown area. He finished by saying he would support them any way he could.

Dennis Begley said that we thought we were going to be in the New Town Hall, and then it was decided that we would move into the old Town Hall. The thing that changed was we heard there were issues with this building and that it might became a money pit. He said we discussed this several times publicly and stated that if we were to go to Town Meeting asking for money we would prefer that it be for the children and not for a new boiler. We want to fund new computers for the kids and a planetarium, not to fix an old building.

Selectman Mahoney said that we make investments. We just invested $300,000,000 in two new schools which was painful, so you're not spending money, you're investing. He then asked how much they thought they would need to bring 11 Lincoln Street up to where they would be comfortable, and then asked how much they project spending on their current buildings on Oak Street and South Meadow Road. He finished by saying we could sell those two properties and use that money to invest in 11 Lincoln Street.

Dennis Begley said that we are looking at about $2,500,000 to get this building up to date, and the two buildings we occupy right now are not worth that much.

James Sorensen said that Selectman Mahoney was comparing 11 Lincoln Street to South Meadow Road. None of us can predict the future, the roof could collapse at South Meadow Road, but 11 Lincoln Street has been studied and has specific issues. We can't take this kind of risk with our budget right now.

Kim Hunt said that after we presented our budget last year, we committed that we would not be asking for more money again, and if we did it would be for services for the children.

Selectman Mahoney then asked Lynne Barrett, Finance Director, to come up and talk about selling the School Departments property. Ms. Barrett said that when you sell property you have the ability to use those proceeds to invest into another building.

The Board then discussed the values of the two buildings that the School Department are currently in and compared it to the value of 11 Lincoln Street. Gary Maestas then said that yes, this could be a great opportunity, but we are firm on keeping our promise of not spending any more money. We have concerns about what the cost would be to bring this building up to where we would need it to be.

Selectman Cavacco said that she had the honor of being the liaison to the School Committee during her time on the Finance Committee. She said that she would also rather see the School Committee ask for money for technology for the kids rather than to repair a building.

Chairman Tavares said he had a question for the School Committee but they do not need to answer it tonight. He said we had talked about combining jobs like maintenance and technology and asked if they discussed that any further. He added that maybe we could talk about this more at our next joint meeting. He finished by stressing the fact that buildings are an enormous responsibility for municipalities.

Chairman Tavares thanked the School Committee for coming in tonight.

8:37PM - RECESS

8:43PM – ENTERGY LAND

Anatol Zuckerman came up and gave his presentation regarding the possible uses for the Entergy Land once the Power Plant is decommissioned. He said this proposal aims at reaching some of the following Goals:

- Accommodate the growing population of Plymouth
- Create a partnership between Plymouth and potential developers
- Create moderately priced affordable housing
- Create self-sufficient habitat where people can work, live and shop
- Build an energy-efficient habitat under the Massachusetts Smart Growth Principles

Mr. Zuckerman then went over some of the technical goals of this proposal which include the following:

- Minimize the soil and vegetation removal
- Minimize both the physical and carbon footprint
- Minimize the length of roads and infrastructure
- Build the most energy-efficient structures
- Re-plant mature trees removed during construction

Mr. Zuckerman went on to say this proposal would only use about 9% of the total 1500 acres and that the other 91% could be used for recreation and conservation. He said his plan could create apartments, town houses, single family homes and commercial space. He then said that we would have to look into reconstructing parts of State Road and Fire Tower Road in order to handle any additional traffic, adding that there were three access points to this land.

Selectman Mahoney said this was a great presentation on a prized piece of land currently owned by Entergy. He said if and when this land comes on the market, we will see who wants to purchase it. He added that if the Town of Plymouth had control over this land there would be no shortage of developers lined up at the New Town Hall.

9:00PM – TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Time Capsule

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, began her report by talking about the 50-Year Time Capsule at the New Town Hall. She said the Town Manager's Office will be accepting submission up until November 20, 2017 and can be brought directly to our office. She asked that any paperwork be signed and not folded.

Training Green

Ms. Arrighi said that in 2011, Town Meeting approved $10,000 in repairs and improvements to the Monument and Training Green. She said in April of 2012 and again in June of 2013, we accepted a total of $8,605 in gifts for the Training Green. At the Spring Town Meeting in 2013, we approved additional funds for the restoration of the Monument. That work was done by Colonial Stone and said that currently the balance in that account is $7,494 and in the gift account there is $8,605 and is under the care of Ted Bubbins, Director of Parks.

Town Meeting

Ms. Arrighi went over the various Articles being presented at the Fall Town Meeting:

- Article 1: Dispatchers CBA and Library CBA
- Article 2A: Facilities Manager Position
- Article 4A: Water Street Promenade
- Article 4: Town Wharf Bulkhead Repair
- Article 16: Obery Street Reconstruction
- Article 20: Updating General Bylaw
- Article 27: School Solar Project
- Article 36: Simes House

DMEA Update

Melissa Arrighi then gave the Board an update on the Division of Marine and Environmental Affairs Projects from the 2016 Fall Town Meeting and the 2017 Spring Town Meeting:

- Article 4E: Plymouth Beach Revetment, work is currently underway, on schedule and under budget. Revetment should be done this winter with paving in the spring.
- Article 4D: Plymouth Beach Seawall, this project faced some delays during the permitting process but will be put out to bid this winter with an early spring start date.
- Article 9E: CPC Open Space Tidmarsh, the acquisition of this property was completed on June 30, 2017 and as a result, the Town received $50,000 for engineering and permitting for restoration of the site.
- Article 9W: Stabilization of Ellisville Harbor, the report has been completed, reviewed and submitted. The state provided $111,000 in matching funds and the Friends of Ellisville Marsh provided $5,000 to the Town to complete the report.
- Article 9DD: Holmes Dam Construction, this re-allocated state funding that was left-over from the Plymco Dam Removal. Holmes Dam is scheduled for construction in September of 2018.
- Article 9LL: Harbormaster Work Skiff, this boat will be ordered this winter and be ready for its use in the spring.

Ms. Arrighi finished by saying that other projects are complete or near completion which include the T-Wharf Repairs to Town Wharf and the construction of Burke's Law Kennels at the Plymouth Animal Shelter.

9:07PM - LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

LICENSES

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **MAR Productions** for a Mixed Martial Arts Event being held on November 4, 2017 from 5:00pm to 12:00am at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Tiffany Rice**, 20 Baldwin Street, North Easton, MA for a Spirit Medium Event being held on October 29, 2017 from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Maureen Hancock**, 15 Hopkins Drive, Bridgewater, Ma for a Medium Event being held on November 5, 2017 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthon Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a Change of Manager for **Cabbyshack Inc. d/b/a Cabbyshack**, 30 Town Wharf, from Lisa Brini to Clyde Brini. *Voted 5/0*

Additional Add-On
On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce**, 134 Court Street for a Veteran's Job Mixer being held on November 7, 2017 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved and executed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Plymouth and the Plymouth Water Company regarding the maintenance of a water main within the Town's Right of Way on Bourne Road and Amanda Avenue. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved and executed a Transfer of License Agreement pertaining to a Private Footbridge connecting private property at 114 Warren Avenue and public property located at Plymouth Long Beach, from Bruce H. Humphrey and Marcia O. Humphrey to Paul T. Churchill and Jennifer Churchill effective on October 20, 2017 at 4:00pm. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board voted to open the April 7, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 7:30am and close it on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 At 4:00pm. *Voted 5/0*

9:10PM - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Selectmen Mahoney said he went to a meeting for the Nuclear Decommissioning Advisory Panel. He said a concerned citizen got up and asked about clean-up standards so wanted to let everyone know that will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Selectman Cavacco said that the White Horse Beach Parking Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Moose Lodge and that the meeting is open to the public.

9:12PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Marlene McCollem, Assistant Town Manager, said that the Open Space Committee will be discussing Chapter 61B land off of Sandwich Road on November 7, 2017 and they asked that we wait to discuss the issue.

Selectman Joyce said that Nate Withington from Rye Tavern reached out to her last week regarding the noise complaint hearing. He told her that she was correct; the letter sent out was not the right tone as it was written by someone else and he signed it. Selectman Joyce said there was another noise complaint for an event held this past Sunday and suggested that we reach out to Nate to discuss their last event which is being held this upcoming Saturday.

Selectman Mahoney said there were about 35 people who attended the Emera site visit to the area where a cable from Nova Scotia will come ashore in Plymouth. He said he mentioned concerns about noise and quality of life to Emera as the nearest house is about 1000 feet away from the proposed site.

Selectman Cavacco said that residents have reached out to her with concerns about the noise and Emera promised that they would do noise testing once all of the leaves were off the trees which makes a big difference. She also said that she suggests that Selectman Mahoney go up to Nova Scotia to check out their new facility so we have an idea of what it will be like.

Selectman Mahoney then said that after Town Meeting he went to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tidmarsh. He said it was a great event and that Chairman Tavares was called up to give an impromptu speech. Chairman Tavares said he was impressed by the numbers of people that were there, and said he was pleased that they gave credit to the Board and the Town for their support with this project.

Chairman Tavares said there are many people responding to the invites for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Town Hall which is being held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Selectman Cavacco wanted to mention a couple of things. First she said that the Little Red School House has no lighting in the parking lot adding that it’s unpaved and dangerous. She also said it’s been reported that the Stop & Shop in Manomet will be closing and residents are very upset. She then asked if we could look into what is going on with that to which Melissa Arrighi said we had no idea they were closing, and we still haven’t been notified but said we can certainly reach out to the owners for information.

Chairman Tavares then wanted to talk about Town Meeting which was held this past Saturday. He said there were many discussions after Town Meeting and after talking with Town Meeting Members it appears that some of the Member’s votes were not counted. When they brought it to Town Meeting’s attention they were told that nothing can be done about it during the meeting. Then someone else claimed that the batteries in the voting clickers were dead as well. Chairman Tavares said that the point he is trying to make is that the main vote lost by just 1 vote and these members never got their votes corrected, and said that this needs to be looked at very closely. He said he spoke to the Town Clerk and they are meeting with

the company that handles the voting process. He said he thinks the automation is great but that there needs to be some changes made like how long the votes stay up on the screen for review. Chairman Tavares said there's a lot at risk here and out of fairness to the community we may have to go back for a Special Town Meeting and revote these items. He then said we looked into it and we can hold a Special Town Meeting on December 6th and asked the Board what they would like to do.

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, said he's not assigning fault, but going forward we may want to take more time after a vote to give Town Meeting Members a chance to confirm their votes were recorded. Every vote needs to count especially on important issues like this. It's not that we can't take no for an answer, but every single vote needs to be counted. This is a flaw in the voting, plain and simple.

Selectman Cavacco said she agrees that every vote needs to be counted and every single vote needs to be reported accurately in the paper for residents to see. They need this info when voting for their Town Meeting Members during the elections.

Selectman Mahoney said we need to meet with the School Committee more often. It's still disappointing that they had concerns about a project that has been in the works for the last 12 years. The Obery Street Project and Water Street Promenade need to be voted on accurately as there is a lot of money at stake. Selectman Mahoney then asked if anyone knew the time constraints with the $6,500,000 as opposed to the $1,700,000 grant, to which Chairman Tavares said he is waiting for the Senator to get back to him on that.

Alan Costello, Town Meeting Member, came up and said he came here tonight because it's the last Selectmen's Meeting in this building and didn't plan on speaking, but the items that came up tonight were very disappointing. Yes, the State is putting up $6,500,000 but you're also asking tax payers to put up another $15,000,000 as well. The Water Street Promenade is a great project, but not the price tag that goes with it. Mr. Costello said he appreciates the Boards opinions, but chaos broke out on Town Meeting floor.

Steve Lydon, Town Meeting Member, came up and said his rights were violated. He said he has every right to vote and his didn't come up as counted, and as soon as he saw it he went up to the table to let them know. He said he spent a lot of time talking with Jonathan Beder, DPW Director, and this is important and he wants his vote counted.

Selectman Joyce said that in terms of the clicker and paying attention, it needs to be looked at. The votes need to be displayed a little longer. She also said that she was amazed and embarrassed at how many people were sworn in before Town Meeting. People need to pay close attention at Town Meeting as Mr. Triffletti goes a little fast. Selectman Joyce finished by saying she'd rather take our time even if we had to come back on Monday night.

Chairman Tavares thanked everyone for their comments and said he would like to know what the Board would like to do.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board voted to put the Special Town Meeting on the Agenda and post it publicly for Thursday and meet to discuss this further. *Voted 5/0*

9:59PM - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 9:59pm. *Voted 5/0*
By Roll Call: Tavares-Yes, Provenzano-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Joyce-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

Recorded by: Christopher Badot
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